

Correspondence Column

Medal Received.

Dear Editor—Received by medal last night; I think it is pretty. I am very proud of it, because it is the first medal I ever won. I herewith send my picture, which was taken last summer. My mother is very much pleased with my success. With best wishes for success for all the members, I remain your grateful member.

LOUISE WRIGHT.  
Dear Editor—My little kitten caught a little chicken and I have to kill it. My cherries are almost ripe. Don't you wish you were here to eat some? Editor, do you ever gather fruit? I have, and it is fine. Our peach trees are in full bloom. Editor can I draw drawings with a pencil and then trace them over with ink? I am sending today a Dutch picture. The boy has a stick in his hand that he drives cows with. The girl is going across the bridge for water. I guess the boy food her she could not go across until he had kissed her. I have a thousand times again. I remain your member.

CHERRIES RIPE.  
Dear Editor—Aren't we having some hot weather? We have a few crows in our yard, and I wish I could send you some. My brother has won a prize, and I am trying very hard to win one, too, but don't think I will succeed. I am sending a story which I made up, and hope it will be good enough for your page. With best wishes for our club, I am, your loving member.

ROSES AND HOT WEATHER.  
Dear Editor—Your kind letter referring to the prize for my illustrations received, and which I have not as yet received. The prize, perhaps lost in the mail. It is of no consequence, however, I am working for the page, and am perfectly content to have my work appear on our club page. I hope my last contribution is interesting. I am glad to see the poem and illustration published. Please do not bother about the prize. I will have more work ready soon. I received a card from a member, Dorothy Goldin, the other day, and wish to thank her through the page.

PRIZE NOT RECEIVED.  
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SENDING A DRAWING TO PAGE.  
Dear Editor—I am sending a drawing to the page, and I certainly do hope you will publish it. I sent two in before and was very disappointed at not seeing either of them appear. But I must not mind, as I know each member must wait his or her turn. Our page is growing more interesting every week, and it is just overflowing with work. Wouldn't it be glorious if we could have two pages instead of one? I know that will never happen, but just imagine having a whole sheet for our T. I am sure we would have something to be proud of then, although we have now. I must close now, so with best wishes to all the members, including the editor, I remain your loving member.

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"Asleep by the fire! Indeed I am not! But over the fire I am stirring the pot. In which I am warming some butter and beer. Come in, Mr. Fox, and we'll give you good cheer."

"Thank you, Miss Kitty," he said with a grin. "I don't mind the cheer, but is Mrs. Fox in?" But the kitten said:

"She sits in her room and no one will see. If you have any word you must tell it to me. With weeping and mourning her eyes are quite dead. For no one she cares now her husband is dead."

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So the cat went down and sent the fox away. But soon there was another fox at the door who wished to see Mrs. Fox. But as he had only two tails his fate was no better than that of the first. Then there came another who had three tails, but who was refused. Till finally one came that had nine tails like the late Mr. Fox. When the Widow Fox heard of him she said joyfully:

"Now open wide the windows and door. Take out the old fox, I want him no more."

But just as they were about to celebrate the wedding, the old fox came to life, and beat the whole company together with his wife, until he drove them out of his house.

A new member.

MILTON MURPHY.  
Pungoteague, Va.

DESCRIPTION OF THE ALPACA.  
The alpaca is a animal of South America. Alpaca is a large animal in large numbers on the level heights of the Andes of Peru and Bolivia. They are not used as beasts of burden like llamas, and are valued only for their wool, of which Indian blankets are made. The color of the wool is usually dark brown or black, but some is white, gray or fawn-colored, and the wool being of great length reaches almost to the ground.

The alpaca is of the camel family. Its appearance is somewhat like that of the goat.

ELIZABETH BOULDIN.  
Care Rev. F. Bouldin Houston Va.  
Box 367.

A PARTNERSHIP KITTEN.  
One night when I was studying a little gray and black kitten came into the house and jumped up into my lap. I let her stay all night, and the next morning I tried to find if she belonged to any one, but could not find her owner. So I kept her. She has such cute ways. When she wants to come into the house she will knock at the door. I have a little chair, and she sleeps in it at night. She is very amiable, and when any one is sitting

All Possible Space Given to Stories This Week

My Dear Boys and Girls:

I have put in only a few letters this week and just a few puzzles, so that you may have all space possible for your stories. You will doubtless notice that the week's prizes go to Margaret Proctor and Helen Broadrup because they are responding to a request for contributions on housewifery and playgrounds. I hope many of you will write what you think about them and the necessity of getting rid of them; also about playgrounds and the need for them. I should like to believe that you desire to have healthful and beautiful surroundings and that you are interested in whatever tends to promote them.

Vacation is near at hand. What are you going to do with it, members? I am hoping that you are saying good-bye to your classes with the happy consciousness of good work done and that you are all going to have a beautiful summer. Do tell me what you are planning and hoping to report to us. You may be always sure of the interest of

YOUR EDITOR.

THE WEEK'S PRIZE WINNERS.  
Miss Margaret Proctor, Drake's Branch, Va.  
Miss Helen Broadrup, Lorraine, Va.  
John H. Cunningham, Staunton, Va.

THE WEEK'S CONTRIBUTORS.  
Anderson, E. A. Howard, Mary E. Anthony, Blanche Harold, Ray Baker, Frances Jones, Birds I. Bouldin, Elizabeth Johnson, Roy Broadrup, Helen Jackson, Laura Belle Kidd, Sally G. Lumsden, Alice Beverly, George S. Murphy, Robert M. Cooper, Sarah Melton, Milton M. Chadwick, E. V. Pannill, Mary E. Chadwick, Harry Proctor, Margaret Duke, Irving T. Ransom, Lora V. Downman, Mary D. Searby, Mary Dickes, Myrtle Thompson, M. Dixon, Mildred Fulcher, W. W. Harris, Anna Tignor, Miles Harris, Anna Wither, Norma Harris, Fred Wither, Anna Wright, Louise.

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EMMA V. CHADWICK.

In her chair she gets very angry and tries to make you get out. She stays part of the time with one of our neighbors, and walks in and gets right in the middle of the bed and sleeps all the time for dinner. Then she has to be carried in to her dinner. When she catches a mouse she will come running home and drop it right at your feet and look up at you as if she wants to say: "Are you not proud of me?" One day I missed her, and could not find her anywhere. She stayed away for two or three days, and when she came back her paw was hurt. She had been caught in a rat trap.

(Original)

MARY SAABYE.

NAPOLEON BONAPARTE.

In vain were all the battles fought Which raised his name so high, In vain the crown of Europe sought— To fate he did comply.

A universal empire dreamt! The eaglet rose dispelled. This fervent hope, of France supreme, Exile for him was held.

His soldiers fought on Russia's plains, Or broke the Turkish line, With Austria waged some fierce campaigns, In Spain their weapons shine.

Beneath Italia's sunny sky His army won renown, The Swiss' home passed gallantly, And Prussia's troops went down.

His star went down at Waterloo, Whose fate the nations feared, Its brightness paled the human view, Its path not often erred.

Composed by

GEORGE S. BEVERLY.

Frederick, Va.

FLIES.

It was formerly believed that flies were useful scavengers, but by closer study it has been found that flies take a manner of diseases. They walk upon food, leaving the germ on the food. It is therefore very necessary that food and articles used about food be kept from flies. Screen doors and windows are a great advantage. All sick persons should be carefully screened from flies also.

Flies breed in unclean matter, and if their breeding places are destroyed it will greatly lessen their number. It takes nine or ten days for an egg to become an adult fly. In this time it changes its form two times. From an egg it becomes a maggot, or larva; then it takes its resting form, and from that it becomes an adult fly. Keeping the house and premises clean and removing all matter that attracts flies is a helpful way of destroying flies. So by this we see that flies are very dangerous and should be carefully avoided as much as possible.

MARGARET PROCTOR.

Drake's Branch, Va.

THREE CLASSES OF SCOUTS.

There are three classes of scouts—tenderfoot, second class and first class. When he joins he becomes a tenderfoot, but before he can join he has to know the composition of the flag and how to fly it, and how to tie at least four knots. The next step is the second class scout, but before being awarded the badge the tenderfoot must again pass a test. 1. He must have been a tenderfoot a month. 2. He must know about first aid and how to use it. 3. He must know the sixteen principal points of the compass. 4. He must have at least 25 cents in the bank. 5. He must be able to take a year before the boy may attain the honor. The tests he has to

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